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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF THE US - IRAN
COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

1. SUBJECT MEETING TOOK PLACE JANUARY 21-22, 1975,
TEHRAN, IRAN, AND WAS EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL.
2. U.S. AND IRAN DELEGATIONS AGREED TO FOLLOWING
RECORD OF MEETING WHICH DR. ETEMAD WILL BRING TO
ATTENTION OF SHAH.
3. RECORD OF THE MEETING.

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A. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE

OF THE U.S. - IRAN JOINT COMMISSION MET IN IRAN, JANUARY 21-22, 1975. THE IRANIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY DR. AKBAR ETEMAD, ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN (AEOI) AND INCLUDED MESSRS PARSA AND DJABERI. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WAS LED BY DR. DIXY LEE RAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (OES) AND INCLUDED FRIEDMAN, YEMANS AND BRUSH FROM ERDA, SIEVERING (OES) AND SCIATT CHAPMAN.

B. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, AS ADOPTED, WAS:

1. DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.
2. REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF IRAN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. SUPPLIERS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN IRAN.
3. ACCEPTANCE OF IRANIAN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS AT U.S. FACILITIES FOR TRAINING IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE, TOGETHER WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OR MORE SISTER LABORATORY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR CENTER AND ERDA LABORATORIES.
4. DISCUSSION OF PARTICIPATION OF IRAN IN NEW U.S. URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES.
5. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES CONCERNING USE OF NUCLEAR POWER FOR DESALINATION.

C. THE PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON EACH POINT OF THE AGENDA WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY IRAN AS A LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT FROM THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, AND ITS AMENDMENTS. IT WILL PROVIDE FOR A BROADENING OF ARRANGEMENTS TO INCLUDE PROVISION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES AND SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.
- THE AEOI WILL NOTIFY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF ANY COMMENTS IT MAY HAVE. BOTH PARTIES WILL SEEK TO RESOLVE ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION.
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2. IRAN SUMMARIZED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM TO DATE AND INDICATED ITS INTENT TO PROCURE SOME NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS FROM U.S. SUPPLIERS.
3. THE AEOI INTEREST IN TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS IN ERDA LABORATORIES WAS REVIEWED. THE U.S. SUGGESTED THAT THE AEOI SEND A SMALL TEAM TO THE U.S. TO LEARN OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST HAND, MAKE PREPARA-

TIONS FOR A JOINT WORKSHOP IN DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY,
AND FINALIZE ONE OR MORE SISTER-LABORATORY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. IRAN REITERATED ITS STRONG INTEREST IN PARTICI-
PATING IN PRIVATE U.S. URANIUM ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
WHICH WOULD ASSURE IT OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR
FUEL FOR ITS NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. THE U.S. DELEGATION
REAFFIRMED ITS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF IRAN'S PARTICIPA-
TION IN SUCH A PRIVATE U.S. ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY.

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5. IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE TO IRAN OF A
DESALINATION PROGRAM, THE U.S. ASSURED IRAN OF ITS
ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING THE PRESENT STATUS OF NUCLEAR
DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY.

D. IT WAS AGREED TO CARRY FORWARD THESE MATTERS BY

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. A SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON DESALTING TECHNOLOGY IS TO BE ARRANGED AT THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY WITH PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AEOI.
 2. A FOCAL POINT FOR INFORMATION ON TRAINING AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR AEOI PERSONNEL WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.
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3. THE AEOI WILL SEND A SMALL TEAM TO THE U.S. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUAINTING IRAN WITH ERDA RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING POSSIBILITIES. THE AEOI WILL DRAW UP A LIST OF PERSONS IT WOULD LIKE TRAINED AT ERDA FACILITIES IN THE U.S. AND ERDA WILL DO ITS BEST TO PLACE THEM. WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE TRAINEES WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO ONGOING PROGRAMS.
 4. FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF THE TEAM, THE PARTIES WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING A SISTER LABORATORY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AEOI AND APPROPRIATE ERDA LABORATORIES. AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF A SISTER LABORATORY ARRANGEMENT, THE U.S. WILL SEND SEVERAL SPECIALISTS TO VISIT IRANIAN RESEARCH CENTERS.
 5. THE NATIONAL COMPONENTS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS EARLY SIGNATURES OF THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.
 6. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ANNUALLY TO ASSESS PROGRESS AND PLAN FUTURE JOINT ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.
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